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On September 17, Tyler Junior College begins a year-long celebration of 65 years of tradition as a liberal arts institution.

Today, as in 1926, men and women enroll at TJC to study the liberal arts, gaining a broad cultural background through literature, philosophy, languages, history and the sciences. This basic foundation remains essential for success to be realized in the pursuit of advanced study, technical training and meaningful

employment.

Why is a liberal arts education so important? For one thing, it's the person with a broad, basic education that business wants to hire. A number of years ago, Stanley Marcus wrote in a *Dallas Morning News* essay that when hiring for a position with Neiman Marcus, he wanted a "well-rounded," person with a degree in a liberal arts field. He said skills could be learned on the job— thinking and reasoning could not be.

Although TJC offers strong

technical/vocational education, and "life-long" learning through continuing education/community services, more than 60 percent of the 1989-90 enrollment was registered in university transfer programs.

Ovid (43 B.C.-A.D. c. 18) wrote ". . . a faithful study of the liberal arts humanizes character and permits it not to be cruel." I agree.

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## VIEWPOINT

The regular and first special sessions of the 71st Legislature saw the passage of bills which authorized the expansion of Corpus Christi State University and the University of Texas at Dallas into four-year institutions. A similar bill to expand the University of Texas of the Permian Basin was rejected by the governor.

This is the last in a three-part series of interviews with Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, president of Tyler Junior College and the Texas Public Community/Junior College Association, about the far-reaching state policy implications, potential educational damage, and undesirable financial consequences posed to Texas higher education in general and Tyler Junior College and the East Texas area specifically by such needless expansions.

In part one, President Hawkins reviewed the history and rationale of upper-level institutions, discussed their growth and development and delved into some of the challenges they have faced.

In part two, Hawkins talked about the damage to the state's higher education system which could result if the state abandons its long-standing commitment to a strong and comprehensive junior college system, and he predicted what would happen to Tyler Junior College, specifically, if that commitment is withdrawn.

In part three, Hawkins discusses the short- and long-term financial consequences to the state if downward expansion of upper-level institutions continues and suggests a solution to the problem.

*Apache:* For the past five years the state has been unable to fund adequately the existing system of higher education in Texas in the face of a faltering economy. In spite of that, the 71st Legislature authorized the conversion of Corpus Christi State University and the University of Texas at Dallas into four-year institutions. How did the Legislature justify those expansions?

*Hawkins:* It was a "pork barrel" exercise, pure and simple, especially the UT Dallas expansion. The influential folks had their way. And in doing so, the Legislature showed its insensitivity to funding fully the existing system of public higher education. For example, junior college instructional costs have been funded at only 76 and 77 percent of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's recommended formula rates for the last two bienniums, respectively. Also, other segments of and needs in higher education have been equally underfunded, such as the South Texas initiatives.

*Apache:* What do you mean by the South Texas initiatives?

*Hawkins:* The South Texas initiatives grew out of a lawsuit (LULAC vs. Clements) which the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) filed against the state of Texas in 1987 alleging that the state has been neglecting higher educational support to South Texas, especially at the graduate and professional levels.

*Apache:* What was the state's response to the threatened court action?

*Hawkins:* Among other things, the Legislature brought Pan American University into the UT System, Laredo and A&I universities into the A&M System and expanded Corpus Christi State University to include freshman-sophomore level programs.

*Apache:* A Brownsville judge recently declared the court suit you refer to as a class-action matter charging that Texas discriminates in the way it allocates money for higher education. If the court rules in the plaintiff's favor, what would be the cost to the state?

*Hawkins:* It could cost the state an estimated \$1 billion to "equitably" fund higher education in South Texas at a level comparable to other parts of the state.

*Apache:* Will you give a comparison of how much money is being spent in the North Texas area vs. the South Texas area?

*Hawkins:* The current higher education budget provides \$336.9 million for state universities in the immediate Dallas/Fort Worth area and \$114.7 million for schools in South Texas.

*Apache:* Is there also a disparity between the number of graduate and professional degrees available in the Dallas/Fort Worth area as compared to the South Texas area?

*Hawkins:* Indeed there is. Of the 709 doctoral programs available statewide, 300 of them are in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. In the South Texas area, only two doctoral programs and no certified professional schools are available.

*Apache:* Were Texas lawmakers aware of these figures when they approved making UT Dallas a four-year school?

*Hawkins:* Yes, they were aware of those figures. But historically lawmakers have awarded wealthier areas of the state more educational benefits because wealthier areas have more political clout.

*Apache:* And all that doesn't take into account what's just happened with the public school funding crisis. In general, how do you feel about these money problems that are staring us in the face?

*Hawkins:* The state has had for five years now, and will continue to have over the next several years, a tremendous problem meeting its various commitments. So it makes no sense for the Legislature to be even talking about, much less acting on, further downward expansion of upper-level institutions.

*Apache:* If the state were able to find (a pot-of-gold at the end of the rainbow) and fund the public schools, deal with the South Texas problem and fund the existing system of higher education at 100 percent of the recommended formulas, would you still be opposed to downward expansion of upper-level institutions? And if so, why?

*Hawkins:* Yes, I would still be opposed to downward expansion because of the long-term consequences to the state, mainly for two reasons: (1) needless duplication of programs and services; and (2) the wasting of the state's resources.

*Apache:* Would you elaborate?

*Hawkins:* Opportunity for four years of quality higher education is already in place in the various regions that are served by upper-level institutions and their feeder junior colleges—and at reasonable cost to both students and taxpayers. With downward expansion new facilities, additional faculty and libraries would be required in order to house and educate the same students.

*Apache:* Is that the case since UT Dallas and Corpus Christi State have expanded downward?

*Hawkins:* Yes, and the state is going to have to lay out money, appropriate new funds to build new buildings, hire new faculty and start up new programs and services—all of which are already available in area junior colleges. And besides the initial outlay to construct the buildings, the state has the responsibility to forever maintain them. Right now the costs of constructing, maintaining and

operating facilities for junior colleges are being borne 100 percent by the local taxpayers. Not only would the local taxpayers continue to have that responsibility to maintain the junior college facilities, they would also, through their state taxes, have to build and maintain the new duplicate facilities.

*Apache:* What you're saying, in effect, is that taxpayers would be paying twice for the same service.

*Hawkins:* That's correct. It's double taxation and all for something that is not needed. It's simply wasteful duplication of resources with a big price tag.

*Apache:* The state has eight remaining upper-level institutions, and a strong probability exists that these eight schools will press to expand downward. What advice can you offer to deal with this predicament?

*Hawkins:* I believe it's possible to have a good marriage between upper-level schools and junior colleges, if we simply insist that it be made to work rather than thinking about trying to duplicate and get into one another's business. The arrangement that the state put into place 20 years ago whereby the upper-level institutions were created to receive students from the feeder junior colleges is an educationally sound, cost-effective system which does not duplicate resources and allows for extension of educational opportunities for every citizen in the state.





*Everywhere they appeared, people were fascinated by the Apache Belles from Tyler, Texas. From their high kicks to their jazz routines to their ever-present smiles, the Belles showed the French that the love of a good performance is international.*

*Nice, France is the capital of the Côte d'Azur (Blue Coast) or otherwise known as the French Riviera. Founded in 350 B.C., Nice is known around the world for Carnaval.*



## Band, Belles and Harmony Wow 'em in France

The unexpected became the expected for TJC students during eight days of Carnaval in Nice, France.

BY BETTY NELSON

Shouts of "Texan, Texan," rippled through the crowd as the Tyler Junior College Apache Band and Apache Belles marched down the streets. Not that unusual except that the word had a slightly different sound to it than if the groups were, say, in the Cotton Bowl Parade.

This time the word was pronounced "tex-son," not "tex-ann," and the streets were in Nice, France, not Big D.

The TJC Apache Band, Apache Belles and Harmony and Understanding literally took Nice by storm, arriving when northern France was experiencing menacing storms that caused concern back in the U.S., while the south of France was having what the locals call a mistral, a cold, dry wind that blows over the Mediterranean.

But, just as the ancient Romans believed that the mistral cleared away impurities and made the sky even more blue, the TJC students were charmed with the bluest of skies and water during their eight days on the Côte d'Azur.

The TJC groups had six months to prepare for the trip. Besides performance preparation, they received instructions such as how to get a passport and what to pack. But probably the most useful bit of advice the students received was to "hang loose." Before the 150 students left Tyler, they were told that flexibility was essential when in Nice—that there might be some extra performances or there might not be. What was scheduled might quickly become unscheduled.

*The Apache Band was a hit during the Carnaval parades. While most of the bands performing were strictly marching bands, the TJC Apache Band delighted the crowds with their big beat.*





*Little Apaches. French-style, were in rapture when they finally got to meet the Apache Belles from Texas. The children, who are students at a French school in Nice, were prepared for the visit—they had dressed like Indians painting their faces accordingly. The Apache Belles and the Apache Band gave the school visit very high marks.*

They got their initial introduction to the French *laissez-faire* attitude when the first parade for the Apache Band and Apache Belles, scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 27, was cancelled because of the high winds.

But, if the parade was cancelled why did the Apache Band and Apache Belles march for two hours through the streets of Nice?

Because apparently the French love parades. And just because the scheduled parade was nixed didn't mean that an impromptu parade could not be started. So, from the time the French guides said, "Follow me," until the final marcher collapsed back at the Atlantic Hotel two hours later, the Apache Band and Belles performed for anyone who wanted to stop and see: from a retinue of Nicoise police to people along the Promenade des Anglais with the Mediterranean Sea as a backdrop.

No matter where the Apache Band, Belles or Harmony and Understanding performed, crowds cheered. The beauty of the Belles inspired many a Frenchman to say, "*tres belle*," as they marched by. And, when Harmony sang "Love in Any Language," the whole idea of world peace and unity seemed incredibly possible.

Perhaps the most spectacular of all the performances was the Light Parade, which wound around the Palace Medicin near Old Nice. The parade route was banked by rows of stadium-style seating and thousands of bright colored lights. The music

was very loud and the atmosphere festive. The parade featured jumbo floats that weaved through the crowds. From the *Roi de Rire* (King of Laughter) who loomed high over head to a pirate ship that rocked back and forth as if on a stormy sea, the parade was radiant with light, color and sound. The crowd responded with delight and "silly string."

Silly string seemed to be *de rigueur* of Carnaval 1990. Contained in a small aerosol can about the size of insect repellant, silly string is actually a foam spray that turns to a pseudo string when propelled. The Band, Belles and Harmony found out what it's like to be assaulted from all fronts with the stuff. No one was immune or off-limits to the squirts but, turn about is fair play, and many of the students were seen with their own silly string arsenals.

From the parades to a visit to a French elementary school, where the youngsters dressed in Indian costumes eagerly awaited the Apaches from Texas, the TJC students were met with enthusiasm and respect. Students quickly learned that the language may not be the same, but young and old know good entertainment the world 'round.

And, the toe-tapping fun of a good beat is international. When the TJC Apache Band Drum Corps cut loose with their fantastic drum routine, young and old alike swayed, stomped and swung to the beat. A cultural gap? No way.

In between numerous performances, the Apache Band, Apache



*On a sightseeing trip to Boit, George Micbeaux, a member of Harmony and Understanding from Palestine, Texas, encountered a group of youngsters on the town square. The kids lined up when George gave out TJC keyrings and "five."*

Belles and Harmony and Understanding had the opportunity to visit Cannes (the city renowned for its film festival) and Monaco. An American-style shopping mall, just down the street from their hotel in Nice, was fair game for many, but high prices kept much of the buying down to postcards and T-shirts.

By the end of the eight days in Nice, the students became a little more accustomed to the unexpected activities and events. When a disco owner in Nice was so impressed with the performing groups from Tyler that he hosted a special evening for the students at his club, he helped make a lasting memory for many.

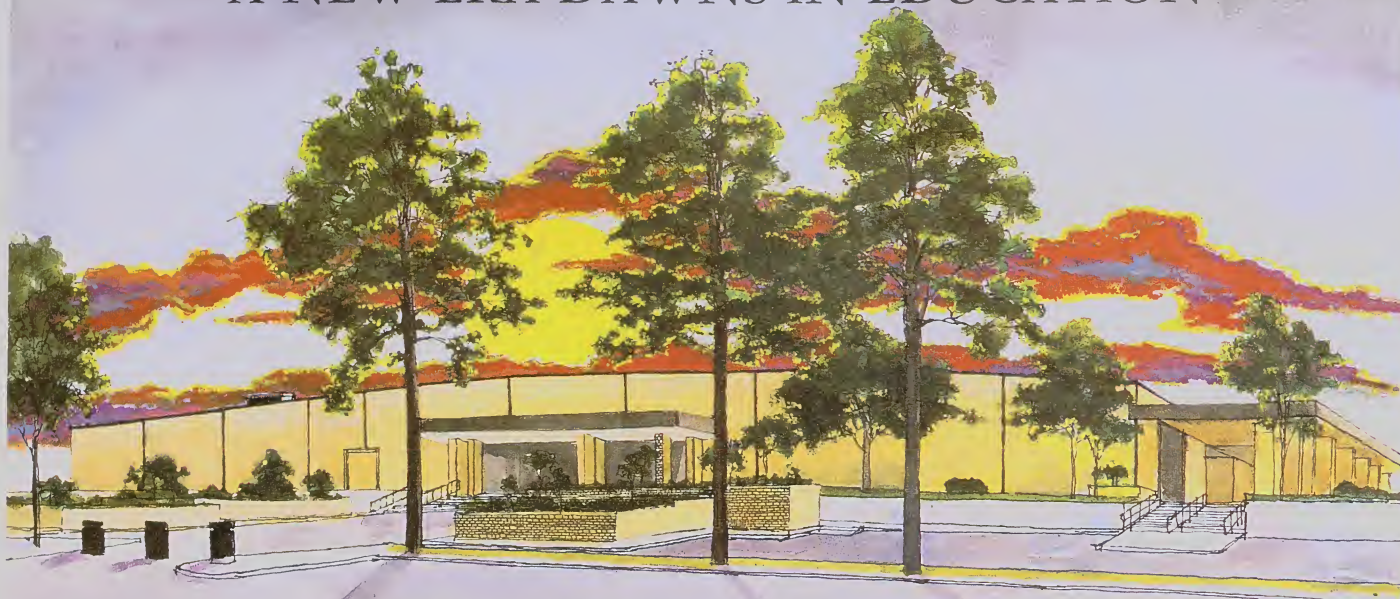
A T-shirt seen in Monte Carlo depicted a group of early 20th Century women, dressed in bloomer-type swimwear, standing ankle-deep in the Mediterranean. The caption is *A la Recherche du temps perdu* or *Remembrance of Things Past*, the title of a well-known book by the French author Marcel Proust. Remembrances of the time spent in the south of France are what the TJC students have now.

For some, it is the memory of their first plane trip. For others, it is the thrill of traveling to another country. To many, it is the memory of those much maligned French breakfasts—a hard roll and a cup of very strong coffee.

But for all, the memories of Nice burn bright as the Light Parade, forever recalled as TJC's time in the sun.



# A NEW ERA DAWNS IN EDUCATION



TJC's Regional Training and Development Complex programs are training the workforce of tomorrow, today.

BY RANDY MALLORY

**A**pril 29, 1990 will go down in history as a red-letter day for Tyler Junior College and the economic future of East Texas.

That day, College officials and trustees joined area business leaders and citizens in dedicating a unique and exciting innovation in education.

That day, TJC climaxed more than two years of intense planning to create a results-oriented job training facility with tremendous economic development impact.

That day, by officially opening TJC's Regional Training and Development Complex (RTDC), East Texans, in effect, opened the door to the 21st Century.

Now, for the first time, the region has a comprehensive, one-stop job training and career development complex—the RTDC—where:

- Students learn high-demand technical and vocational skills leading to immediate entry-level employment in growing fields.
- Local workers overcome academic deficiencies, advancing where they work and gaining marketable new skills for the future.
- Business, industry and government take advantage of quick start-up training programs tailor-made to meet their needs.

- Small companies come for one-on-one expert counseling on how to sidestep business problems.
- Entrepreneurs find nurturing support in getting their fledgling firms off the ground.

And, in the long-standing tradition of education at Tyler Junior College, all RTDC programs and services are offered at the lowest possible cost—clearly the best training bargain in East Texas.

## A tradition of training

Historically, TJC has been the primary provider of technical and vocational programs for the district's post-secondary students, now offering 32 technical programs and numerous noncredit vocational courses.

TJC also has been a leader in job training for the district's existing workforce. The nationally-recognized retraining of some 1,400 Kelly-Springfield Tire Company employees for three years (requiring 100,000 hours of training in 26 competency areas) is a classic example of how the College has helped local businesses adapt to changing market conditions.

As TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins noted at the RTDC's dedication ceremony, "We are now extending our outreach to the business community. Future skills and

educational requirements will be higher. Businesses that succeed will keep their employees on the cutting edge of technology. We believe that with the RTDC we have something tangible by which to gauge our journey into the next century."

## The future is now

The next century is only a decade away. So the success of the RTDC in coming years will, to a large degree, determine how well the East Texas economy fares after the year 2000.

Why? *Workforce 2000*, a comprehensive report written for the U.S. Department of Labor by the Hudson Institute, points the way by predicting:

- The American economy should grow at a relatively healthy pace.
- Service industries will create all of the new jobs and most of the new wealth.
- The workforce will grow slowly, relying on more women and minorities as new job entrants.
- New jobs will demand much higher skill levels than today.

The study stresses that "the U.S. has lost much ground to competitors, and investing in people looks like the way to retake it."



Others agree. In Texas, the Governor's Strategic Economic Policy Commission notes that "overall skill and achievement levels must improve for the state to be a top economic contender." Recent East Texas economic development studies by the PHH Fantus Corporation and M. Ray Perryman Consultants also called for expanded vocational training through a comprehensive complex such as the RTDC.

The Perryman Report adds that "a steady supply of technically-oriented individuals could be a major stimulus to economic development within the area."

### **A community within a community**

The studies left no doubt that there is a critical mismatch in East Texas between the workforce skills of today and the increasingly technical workplace requirements of tomorrow.

In a major decision to eliminate that mismatch, TJC's Board of Trustees voted last year to purchase the former Levi Strauss jeans manufacturing plant on Tyler's West Loop 323 next to the Tyler Industrial Park.

At its heart, the RTDC is a learning community within a community. Still in its infancy, the complex already is attracting widespread attention. It's no wonder why.

Conveniently located, the RTDC sits on 15.7 acres, with parking for more than 300 cars, plus six undeveloped acres for future expansion. Inside, the facility has more than 84,000 square feet of interior space, free of load-tearing walls for maximum flexibility.

To meet its strategic objectives—preparing an educated workforce by training and retraining workers and management—the RTDC has three key components.

The 16,200 square-foot Education Center is home to continuing education at TJC. Relocating many noncredit vocational courses not only complements RTDC's credit programs, but also eases crowded conditions at the College's main campus.

The Education Center is also home to the new Child Development Sub-Center which is developing a curriculum for training employees and managers of child care facilities, a booming high-growth industry.

### **Training in weeks, not years**

For students deficient in important academic areas—such as math and science—the RTDC Education Center's baseline training prepares them for training later in more advanced job skills.

Students trained at the RTDC can enter the job market quickly because of two innovations. One is "block scheduling" in which students attend three, concentrated five-week sessions to complete an entry-level skills program. The other is "open-entry training"—applied now to the office technology program, later to be expanded to other programs—in which new students can enter a training program each week, rather than waiting for the start of a new semester.

That flexibility means TJC can respond quickly to changes in local workplace requirements. East Texans can now learn new job skills in days or weeks, not years.

And for businesses, the Education Center's approach means rapid response to their unique training needs. If a local economy of any size wants to enter a new product line, for instance, but needs to retrain its workers first, specialists at the RTDC and TJC's main-campus academic divisions develop a training program tailor-made for that single company. All of this is offered at a cost lower than in-house training, outside consultants or private, for-profit trade schools.

With quick and affordable start-up training at hand, promising new high-tech businesses also are more likely to consider locating in East Texas.

### **RTDC—open for business**

A second key component of the RTDC is the innovative new Tyler Area Business Incubator, designed to house and support new and emerging businesses to stimulate economic development through the creation of jobs. The incubator should begin occupying its almost 26,000 square feet by mid-summer. (For more details, see the article on page 8.)

The third RTDC component, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), also should relocate to the new facility by mid-summer.

A joint project of TJC and the Small Business Administration,

funded in part by Southwestern Bell, the SBDC offers management and technical assistance to small business owners in Cherokee, Smith, Van Zandt and Wood counties.

To help small businesses overcome stumbling blocks, the SBDC:

- Provides one-on-one counseling in areas like business plan development, marketing, accounting and bookkeeping.
- Conducts studies on general and technical problems.
- Advises on up-to-date government regulations.
- Assists in technology transfer from existing resources to small business.
- Provides access to the expertise and experience of professional firms, banks, chambers of commerce, trade associations and other economic development organizations.

As an educational resource, the SBDC also holds seminars on topics such as opportunities for women and minorities, personnel management, financing alternatives and starting a new business.

Most SBDC services are free or low cost.

### **Moving with the changes**

More than ever, the business of education at community colleges like Tyler Junior College is business.

The U.S. Department of Labor predicts that by the year 2000, the average worker will change careers three times and change jobs at least seven times.

Change is becoming the workplace norm. To survive is to adapt.

Lifelong access to state-of-the-art technical and vocational training is no longer an academic dream—it's an economic necessity for regions intent on prospering in decades ahead.

The challenge of the times is clear: students and workers must prepare now for the promising jobs of the future.

The future is now. And it is a red-letter day, thanks to a far-sighted idea whose time has come . . . the RTDC.





## HATCHING NEW JOBS FOR EAST TEXAS

It's an easy idea to understand—incubating an egg until it hatches.

Now an intriguing new concept in grassroots economic development is taking that idea into the corporate boardroom. It is the Tyler Area Business Incubator, operated by Tyler Junior College in cooperation with the Tyler Economic Development Council and funded solely through federal grants and private sources. Control Data Corp., in a planning study sponsored by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, selected TJC to operate the incubator.

Set to open mid-summer in some 26,000 square feet of TJC's innovative new Regional Training and Development Complex (RTDC), the

incubator will nurture promising start-up companies through their first few months, when most small businesses traditionally fail.

By providing shared support services to these fledgling companies, helping them "hatch" into facilities of their own, the incubator will accelerate the commercial application of new technologies locally, forming new industries and new jobs for East Texas.

In fact, the incubator will open at the RTDC with a major tenant already in place, Ferro Medical Technology, which will occupy some 15,000 square feet for its medical products manufacturing business, which plans to employ 50 to 200 workers within two years.



### At work with 'Mother Hen'

Here's how the incubator works.

When accepted into the program, an entrepreneurial venture rents space from the incubator in the RTDC facility. There, it shares reception, conference room, telecommunications and other office services with TJC's

Small Business Development Center (SBDC). The academic functions already at the RTDC, as well as the SBDC's management expertise, will provide incubator tenants with important access to a wide range of training resources needed for business success.

The incubator is not just renting space; it is the "Mother Hen" to new firms in high-growth fields for a limited time. From the incubator the firms move into their own facilities, making room for other qualified new incubator tenants.

In the last few years, the incubator concept has been cracking open all across America. From only 40 in mid-1984, the innovation has multiplied to between 300 and 400 today. Almost half are nonprofit, usually part of economic development plans, and many nationwide are public/private joint ventures, often involving colleges or universities.

Studies show 60 percent of well-managed incubator graduates prosper on their own, boosting local economies as they grow.

## RTDC: Innovation in Progress

Though TJC's Regional Training and Development Complex (RTDC) officially opened in April, training began last fall on a limited basis. Programs will be added and adapted as needed to fulfill the innovative facility's ongoing promise to provide the training that workers and businesses need. Already, the RTDC is home to several important credit and noncredit programs, plus courses customized for industry:

- Microcomputer Repair
- Computer Applications
- Real Estate and Insurance
- Fire Academy
- Fire Protection Technology
- Law Enforcement
- Criminal Justice
- Office Technology
- Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
- Major Appliance Repair
- Child Development
- Ornamental Horticulture
- Optician Technology
- Greenhouse Technology





### Scholarships, Teaching Chair Honor Memory of El Freda and George Pirtle

Through the growth and re-portionment of the George W. Pirtle Scholarship Fund, two presidential scholarships and one endowed teaching chair were established last spring at Tyler Junior College.

The George W. Pirtle Memorial Presidential Scholarship and the El Freda Taylor Pirtle Memorial Presidential Scholarship will be awarded in the fall of this year to freshmen majoring in business, industrial technology or engineering, said TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins. Second preference award will be to freshmen pursuing a field of study in math or science.

The George W. and El Freda Taylor Pirtle Memorial Endowed Teaching Chair will be awarded in January for the year 1991-92 to an instructor in the field of business and industrial technology.

"I can think of no finer way to utilize fully Mr. Pirtle's benefactions and continue the Pirtle tradition than through these new endowments," Hawkins said.

"Mr. Pirtle, who died in 1985, was a distinguished petroleum geologist, independent oil producer, philanthropist and 'father of technology' at Tyler Junior College," Hawkins said. "The George W. Pirtle Technology Center is one of the finest in the

nation and is largely due to his foresight and vision."

During Mr. Pirtle's tenure as a member of the TJC Board of Trustees, 1956-72, he saw the need for facilities to house the expanding technical program of the College. As a result of his personal interest, the first technology building was completed in 1966. So popular was the technology program that a south wing was added to the main building, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Pirtle. When the wing was dedicated in 1970, the building was named in his honor.

By the mid 1970's, technology student enrollment had more than doubled, so Mr. Pirtle pledged a large contribution toward a north wing which opened in 1976. Then in 1981, through his benevolence, another building was constructed.

A fifth building, made possible by Mr. Pirtle, was dedicated in September, 1985.

"His commitment to education is also seen in the many scholarships provided by Mr. Pirtle and his wife, El Freda Taylor Pirtle," Hawkins said.

The Pirtle's son, Dr. William Pirtle, who serves on the Tyler Junior College Foundation Board, is also a benefactor of the College.

### Anonymous Donors Create Minority Scholarship Program

A Minority Scholarship Program to encourage and support minority students in their pursuit of higher education has been established at Tyler Junior College by anonymous donors, announced Isadore Roosth, chairman of the TJC Foundation.

Designed to support primarily black students, 10 scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded for the first time this fall to five black male students and five black female students from the Tyler Independent School District. The award will be dispensed at \$1,000 per semester upon official registration at TJC.

In the future, high schools in the TJC District and service area will be notified of the minority scholarship program opportunities.

Roosth said the intent of the donors is to double the number of awards over the next few years, which means 20 scholarships in 1991-92, 40 in 1992-93 and so on. It is the donors desire to provide meaningful scholarship assistance to greater numbers of minority students in the future, he said.

"The Foundation is extremely proud to accept this scholarship program. The donors believe it is time to truly encourage and challenge our minority youth to reach their full potential, and providing scholarships is one way to achieve that," Roosth said.

Scholarship guidelines include:

- First preference given to average high school students who show potential for successfully completing a certificate program or associate degree leading to a baccalaureate degree.
- Preference given to students from the Tyler Junior College service area.
- High schools with a larger percentage of minority students receive the majority of awards.

Students who are selected must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 hours) and must complete the



minimum of 12 hours each semester with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Scholarship recipients will also be able to keep the scholarship for up to five years if scholastic progress is maintained.

The \$1,000 per semester transfer award will encourage transfer to a four-year college or university.

"The College is especially pleased with this scholarship program because it will encourage minority students to continue their education and to stay in school. The program is a first for the College, and we are deeply grateful to the donors for their foresight in providing educational opportunities for a large group of students that unfortunately sometimes 'fall through the cracks,' said Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, president.



*TJC Foundation Board members last spring founded the Hazel M. Weeks Endowed Scholarship as a way to say "thank you" for her efforts in reactivating the Foundation. Weeks, who is secretary to the vice president of development and college relations and assistant secretary of the Foundation, retires August 31.*

## Walden P. "Red" Little Establishes Second Presidential Scholarship

A second Red Little Presidential Scholarship was recently established with a \$25,000 gift to Tyler Junior College by Walden P. "Red" Little of Tyler. The recipient of the scholarship must be a journalism major or must take courses in journalism.

"Mr. Little's latest presidential scholarship demonstrates his continued commitment to excellence at Tyler Junior College," said Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, TJC president. "His initiative is important because it sets a good example for all of us."

Little, chairman of the board and CEO of Combined Underwriters Life Insurance Company and founder of Lifetime Underwriters Life Insurance Company, is a product of a community college.

After graduating from Westminster Junior College in Tehuacana, Texas, he pursued a career in journalism, first as editor-in-chief of a weekly newspaper in Thorton, Texas and later as editor of a base newspaper while serving with the U.S. Air Force.

After his discharge from the Air Force, he decided on a career in the insurance business. In 1954 he bought a small insurance company in Rusk, Texas, which became the nucleus of the present-day Combined Underwriters Life Insurance Company.

Today, the two companies total the equivalent of over \$300 million of insurance currently in force. Combined Underwriters has over 2,000 agents appointed in the 11 states in which the company is authorized to transact business.

Throughout his long career Little has been active in many civic and industry organizations including serving the City of Tyler as mayor and as a city commissioner.



In 1986, he appeared in the national limelight on the ABC-TV network's "20/20" program in which Combined Underwriters was cited for its discovery of wide-spread claim fraud in Mississippi. As a result of investigations conducted by Combined Underwriters and ABC, the Mississippi Insurance Department launched a massive statewide effort to end all such claim fraud.



## TJC Receives Golenternek Bequest

The Isadore Golenternek Memorial Scholarship fund was recently established by a \$2,500 gift provided to the College by bequest of the late Mr. Isadore Golenternek.

"The College is pleased to accept this gift and is grateful to the Golenternek family for their long-standing support of TJC through numerous annual and endowed scholarships," said Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, TJC president.

Given to a deserving TJC student, the scholarship will be funded through the interest gained from the original gift.

## Exxon Annual Gift Received

Exxon Oil Company recently gave a \$1,000 contribution to Tyler Junior College.

"The annual gift is given to support the mission and work of the College," said Wayne Dozier, Exxon field superintendent.

Over the years, TJC has received in excess of \$50,000 in annual gifts and matching gifts program established by Exxon from various Exxon employees.

"The College is proud to accept this gift as a symbol of Exxon's support of higher education," said C.C. Baker, Jr., TJC vice president of development and college relations.



*Christiaan Kloosterboer, left, is recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Brookshire Grocery Company to assist and encourage him in his quest for agricultural studies at Tyler Junior College. Twenty-five-year-old Christiaan, of Bathmen, The Netherlands, said, "I am very happy and very honored to receive this scholarship. I hope I can fully live up to what Mr. (Bruce) Brookshire intends, which is to follow through with my agricultural studies." C.C. Baker, Jr., vice president of development and college relations, presented the scholarship to Christiaan in May.*



*Dr. Johnny Abbey, left, instructor of office technology at Tyler Junior College, recently gave a set of the Texas Law Locator to the Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center at TJC. The books, valued at more than \$1,000, were given to the College in memory of her husband W.A. Abbey. The reference books will be used by students in TJC's legal assistant program. With Abbey is Dr. Mickey Slimp, dean of learning resources.*



## TJC Lays Down the Law

Recent approval of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education marked the beginning of the Tyler Junior College Law Enforcement Academy.

"Because of new regulations, institutions teaching security guard training, jailer training and other noncredit law enforcement classes must be licensed police academies," said Richard Minter, TJC dean of program development.

To receive a license, TJC had to pass an on-site inspection conducted by the Commission and appear before the group to defend the application. TJC's academy will focus on the Tyler service area with tailor-made training for local police departments.

## Child Care Assistance Now Available

TJC's Support Services offers programs and services to assist students in overcoming obstacles to education. One of the services is child care assistance provided by the Carl Perkins Vocational Educational Act.

According to Vickie Geisel, counselor/director of support services, TJC assists with tuition for child care at a local daycare center while classes are in session.

Child care assistance is available for single parents/homemakers who are enrolled full time at TJC in an occupational, technical or health related field.

Deadline to apply for assistance is July 16 for the fall semester.

More information may be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Ely, re-entry specialist, at 214-531-2395.



## Administration Kicks in Support for Soccer

An intercollegiate soccer program received approval from the TJC Board of Trustees at their May meeting.

Tuition-only scholarships to 22 squad members will be provided, and the team will practice on the city-owned facilities at Caldwell Field and Lindsey Park. The on-campus playing field will be used for weekend games.

Schools scheduled for the 1990 season include Richland and Brookhaven of the Dallas Community College District, Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University, University of Houston, Rice University and Austin College.

A large percentage of team mem-

bers are expected to come from the TJC service area since many high schools in the immediate Tyler area have varsity teams with a strong pool of college prospects.

"During the past two years, TJC students have successfully played club soccer and will continue to support intercollegiate soccer with that traditional Apache spirit," said Dr. B.J. Doggett, TJC athletic director.



*After Earl C. Andrews, left, was sworn in as president of the Tyler Junior College Board of Trustees in May, he presented outgoing president A.D. Clark with a special service award from the College. Andrews will serve a two-year term.*

## 1990 Apache Football Schedule

| Date     | Opponent                          | Location | Time      |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Sept. 8  | Blinn College                     | Brenham  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | Trinity Valley Community College  | Tyler    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 22 | Kilgore College                   | Kilgore  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Northeastern Oklahoma A&M         | Tyler    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6   | *Blinn College                    | Tyler    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 13  | *Navarro College                  | Tyler    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | *Cisco Junior College             | Cisco    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 27  | *Ranger Junior College            | Tyler    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 3   | *Trinity Valley Community College | Athens   | 2:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 10  | Open                              |          |           |
| Nov. 17  | **Kilgore College                 | Tyler    | 2:00 p.m. |

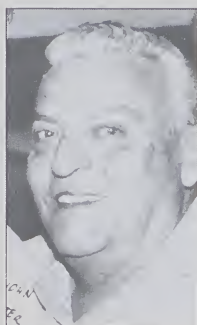
\*Conference Game    \*\*Homecoming



## Blast From the Past



BY RENÉE PRAYTOR



*John Prater '48*

Beneath the starry skies—no, beneath the pink and black balloons and crepe paper that covered the ceiling, a gathering of TJC alumni strolled down memory lane. Miniature long-finned pink convertibles which decorated the tables sparked memories of school days.

Trays of fried chicken, hamburgers, onion rings and French fries provided the makings of every teenager's

"perfect meal." A nearby soda fountain served cherry Cokes, hot fudge sundaes and root beer floats. The menu from Tyler's own hangout, The Derrick, could not have been more perfect.

It was a 50's, 60's "blast from the past" as Austin area alumni dined and danced an April evening away to sounds from the Oh So Good Band.

Saengerrunde Halle in the state capital is still vibrating!



*Nell Wagstaff and Marjory (Sadler) Price '36*



*Steve and Janet (Everett) Krakowski '75*



*Carole  
and Clint  
Roxborough '69*



*From left, Jeanie (Bailey) Tunnell '50, Ira Tunnell '50, Floyd Wagstaff and Byron Tunnell '48.*





*From left, Charles O'Kelley, Tony Montano '69, Floyd Wagstaff, Ray Dowdy '69, Jim Acker '56, Tyrone Johnson '73 and Morris Mayo '60.*



*From left, Beverly (Lucius) Alsap '70, Kay (Hamilton) Wallingford '71, Ken Wallingford and Kathy (Moore) Ollivier '73.*



*Jeff Heard*



*Patsy Young and Bob Young '69*



*John Martin '59 and Kay Martin*

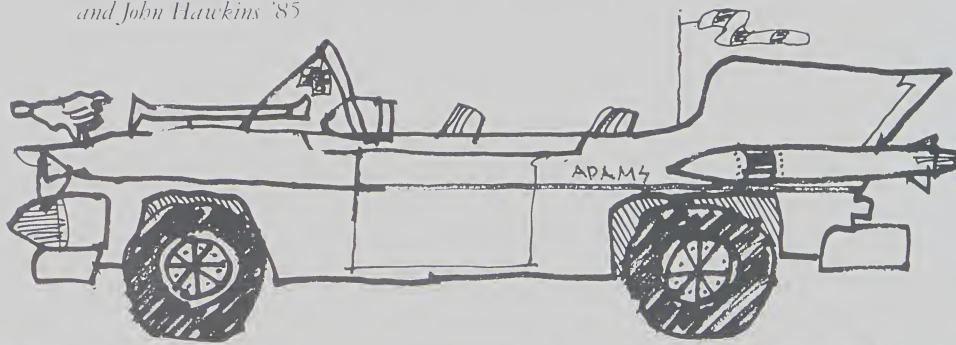




*TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins, Carole Hawkins, Jennifer Mitchell and John Hawkins '85*



*John Blocker '71*



*TJC Vice President C.C. Baker, Jr., Ned Price '34 and Bob Emerson '65*



*Tony Montano '69*



*Nancy Driscoll and Tom Driscoll '51*



*Veronda Willis '88*



## FACULTY/STAFF BRIEFS

Betsy Ott, biology instructor, served as a member of a textbook revision focus group last January in Redwood City, California. The meeting, sponsored by Benjamin/Cummings, publishers of Elaine Marieb's *Anatomy and Physiology* text, was designed to get interactive feedback from A&P instructors on the good and bad points of the book's first edition. Ott was the only instructor not using the text and one of only two instructors outside of California invited to attend.

Elaine Graybill, French/Spanish instructor, was named to the executive committee of the Texas Faculty Association's Women's Caucus and was elected as one of 15 TFA delegates to the Texas State Teachers Association board.

Robert Glover, instructor/director of history and geography, received the Ralph W. Steen Award last February. The service award is presented annually by the East Texas Historical Association to a member whose contribution to the East Texas history or to the association has been deemed outstanding. Also, Glover was the keynote speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Cherokee County Historical Commission last April. Glover's presentation was on the volunteer companies that enlisted from Cherokee County during the Civil War and who were engaged in the Battle of Mansfield, Louisiana.

Wynell Goddard, business instructor, was one of 39 invited participants at a workshop on "Computers in Accounting Education," held in Irving, Texas last January. The workshop was sponsored by Houghton Mifflin Company and was hosted by Accounting Instructor's Report, a national accounting educator's journal.

Dana Adams, *Apache* art director, recently won bronze and merit awards at the East Texas Ad Federation Awards banquet for a poster he designed for the 1989 NJCAA Women's Basketball National Championship Tournament. He also won two other awards for water-color illustrations.

Jeanne Ivy, instructor of psychology, recently co-coached a sixth grade "Odyssey of the Mind" team from Higgins Intermediate School in Whitehouse, Texas. This creative and academic team won first place in regional competition and tied for fifth place in the state finals in Dallas.

Manoucher R. Khosrowshahi, government instructor, conducted a one-day workshop about Islam and Christianity at Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church, last April. He also spoke on "Third World Arms Bazaar: Disaster For Sale" at the 1990 Great Decisions Series sponsored by the East Texas Council on World Affairs.

Elizabeth Ely, re-entry specialist, presented a program to TJC's business and industrial technology division faculty last April. The topic of the program focused on Myers-Briggs and how the test can be used to influence teaching and learning in the classroom.

Jerald Debenport, electronics instructor, recently accompanied TJC VICA students to the state competition in Waco, Texas. TJC students were victorious, and one TJC student will represent Texas at the national competition in Oklahoma this summer.

Mary Adams, English instructor, nearly singlehandedly organized and carried out the successful festivities for TJC Honors Day last May which cited students of high achievement.

Mary Jo Phillips, instructor of long term care administration, participated in an Elderly Health Care Research Project by the University of Texas Health Science Center at Galveston. This project is in conjunction with her thesis, which she is completing at the University of North Texas in gerontology.

David Ligon, government instructor, will serve as chairman of government at the 1991 Texas Junior College Teachers Association meeting.

Marvin Davis, instructor/director of mathematics, just completed 20 years as head of the TJC math program.

Rebecca Bibby, instructor/director of home economics, Beverly Bugay, instructor/director of fashion merchandising and retailing and

management, and Deborah Welch, instructor of fashion merchandising and retailing, recently presented a program for the Department of Human Services. The purpose of the program was to aid women (on welfare) in applying and interviewing for jobs.

Ben Ferrell, controller, received his CPA certificate last March.

History Instructors Linda Cross and Peter Jones, Economics/Government Instructor Rhey Nolan, History/Geography Instructor/Director Robert Glover, and Speech/Theatre Instructor M'Liss Hindman served as mentors for the 1989-90 Academic Decathlon Team at Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler.

Vickie Geisel, counselor/director of support services, and Elizabeth Ely, re-entry specialist, recently attended "Women in Texas: Changing Roles/Changing Goals," the second annual economic development conference sponsored by the Governor's Commission for Women.

Reggie Brazzle, director of financial aid and scholarships, and Maurice Mills, chemistry instructor, participated in the Tyler Alliance for Minorities in Engineering Scholarship Workshop last fall.

Rebecca Laughlin-Foster, sociology/psychology instructor, was named to the board of directors of the Smith County Association for Retarded Citizens.

Instructor of computer science, Jill Betts, serves as the 1990 president of the Tyler-Smith County A&M Club. The club's primary goals are for Aggie fellowship and raising scholarship money to be used by Smith County residents.

Leo S. Rudd, Sr., psychology instructor, was included in the 1990 edition of *Who's Who in American Education*.

Athena Russell, director of community services, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Texas Association for Community Services and Continuing Education. The statewide professional association includes more than 200 deans and directors of continuing education from academic institutions.



Mack Hughes, instructor/director of dental hygiene, attended "Current Concepts in the Management of Periodontics" last fall. The meeting was sponsored by Continuing Dental Education at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

John E. Smith, director of residential life, served as a member of the 1989 United Way's Loaned Executive Team.

Steve Green, instructor of mathematics/assistant coordinator of success oriented studies, recently conducted a workshop for the Tyler Alliance of Minority Engineers. The workshop was entitled "New Teaching Techniques in Mathematics for High School Math Teachers."

Richard Minter, dean of program development, is serving on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Texas Southern University task force to develop a needs assessment model. When completed, the model and accompanying manual with software will aid colleges in determining the need for new programs. Minter also was on the SACS reaffirmation team which visited Trident Technical College in Charleston, South Carolina last February. Last December, Minter spoke to the Mineola Rotary Club on occupational programs at TJC.

TJC residential life coordinators Kathy Pierce, Lynn Gokelman, Ann Decklemann, Cheryl Fillion, and director, John Smith, recently participated in the 25th annual conference of Southwest Association of College and University Housing Officials. Smith presented a program, "The Way We Were—The Way We Are," which discussed dysfunctional family roles and their impact on student conduct. The program was voted one of the five best programs at the conference, and Smith will present it at the national conference in Athens, Georgia this summer. Fillion presented a program, "Residence Halls on Junior College Campuses."

Linda Cross, history instructor, Sharon Cathcart, business instructor, Audrey Woods, instructor of physical education and cheerleader director, and Gene Branum, instructor/director of physics and engineering, were named Outstanding Instructors of 1990-91 by the Faculty Senate.

Mickey Slimp, dean of learning resources, was named chair elect of the Texas Consortium for Telecommunications. Also, he recently presented a program during the North Texas Chapter of College and University Personnel Association meeting at the University of Texas at Arlington. The program was entitled "Integrating Customer Services Training on Community College Campuses."

Secretary of educational and student services, Ellen Price, was named 1990 ESSA Member of the Year by TJC's Educational Support Staff Association. instructor, helped provide judges for the Lincoln-Douglas and Team Debates for the District 16-AAA Literary Contest held recently in New London, Texas.

Linda Zeigler, instructor/director of journalism and student publications director, recently led a session on "Publishing Your School Newspaper Using a Desktop Publishing System" for area high school teachers and other public school personnel.

Jimmy Yancy, English instructor, and Judith Parks, instructor/director of biology, received faculty development grants for the summer.

Jeri Mann, secretary of success oriented studies, presented "Enthusiasm: Get It and Let It Show" for Delta Kappa Gamma and the Van (Texas) Kiwanis Club.

Gary Jordan, director of the Apache Band, served as executive chairman for junior college activities for the 1990 Texas Junior College All State Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble.

George Wilson, director of instructional media services, was selected president elect of the Texas Association of Educational Technologists.

Paul Soliz, instructor/director of recreation leadership, recently presented a tennis seminar at the Texas Professional Tennis Association state convention in Dallas.

Booker Harlan, counselor/director of career development and placement, conducted a 20-hour job search workshop at East Texas Employment and Training, Inc.

Gigi Beaton, computer science instructor, was elected secretary/chairperson of the computer science section at the recent Texas Junior College Teachers Association convention. Beaton will serve for three years, chairing the 1993 session in Austin.

## What's new with you?

New job? Promotion? New address? New spouse? New children? New degree? Anything else you would like to tell us?

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# The Perfect Life

BY LINDA ABEL

The following City Ordinance is published by City News as a public service.

In this year of 2020, we, the honorable and concerned members of the City Council, hereby pass this ordinance:

*Whereas, sweets is the single largest preventable cause of fatness, premature death and disability in the United States and*

*Whereas, sweets are addictive and*

*Whereas, 40% of the adult population is overweight and*

*Whereas, 2 out of 5 children are overweight and*

*Whereas, many sweets contain caffeine, a cancer causing agent and*

*Whereas, sweets contain sugar, a cancer causing agent and*

*Whereas, manufacturers must use more natural resources to make clothing for overweight people and*

*Whereas, overweight people are unsightly and*

*Whereas, overweight people require more space in public transportation (elevators, buses, trains and airplanes)*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT THERE WILL BE NO SWEETS SOLD OR USED IN PUBLIC PLACES.

ANY Person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined to run one fourth mile for each calorie consumed for first offense, one-half mile for each calorie consumed for second offense and one mile for each calorie consumed for third offense and for each conviction thereafter.

Susan folded the six month-old newspaper and laid it on the coffee table. She had kept this issue as a reminder of time past.

It all started in the late 1980's with "no smoking in public places" ordinances. Who would have believed that in a span of 32 years things would be so changed.

Back in the 80's people didn't give much thought to protecting freedom by honoring other's rights. The majority were swept up in the flow of the times. Groups like the Moral

Majority, Ranks Against Tolerance (RAT), Information Rights Klan (IRK) and others became the rage. Self-appointed groups and individuals spread the gospel, "I know what's best for you."

It began innocently enough with editing school books. Then came smoking policies, the repeal of Roe vs. Wade abortion case, mandated drug testing and lie detector testing. All were policies to keep the American society on the straight and narrow. America was to be the world example of a moral society.

Susan walked to her bedroom and dug out her favorite records from the far corner of her closet. "I could make a fortune selling this collection on the black market," she was thinking. "Most of these records had been banned for more than 20 years. Just another case of what's best for society."

As she stretched out on the couch listening to her favorite rock group, she recalled her day.

She had puffed into the BAD machine in order to start her car. The Breath Analysis Device was mandatory in all cars. Upon arrival at work, another breath test by the SLIME detector. The Smoke-Liquor Internal Machine Evaluator had been in use for five years. It was very accurate and could detect alcohol consumed the night before or a cigarette smoked on the way to work. If found guilty, a person would automatically be fined and reported to the proper authorities.

All alcohol and tobacco products had been outlawed 10 years ago, but individuals could purchase these items on the black market. It was risky business dealing in black market items, and Susan was afraid to try.

During her break, Susan ate a candy bar and flushed the wrapper down the toilet. "No running for me," she said as she smiled at the thought of remaining undetected.

After work, Susan ate dinner with Toni at a local restaurant. They presented their SLOBB cards to the waitress. The Select Lunch For Only Body Beautiful cards were color coded: white for the underweight, green for perfect weight and red for overweight. The waitress then issued menus according to card color. This

year-old law was to help control people's weight and promote health.

"We should have eaten at my place," Toni had said. "I hate these red cards!"

Susan flicked on the TV to watch the late news. "It would be nice to hear the real news," she thought. "I can still remember the days when the public knew everything . . . from government scams to protests at city hall." CANCER agency now controlled TV, radio and newspapers. The Censor Academy of News Control and Education Ratings had controlled the media for many years.

Susan carefully returned her records to their hiding place and crawled into bed. She was remembering one of her favorite plays, "Hamlet" by William Shakespeare. It, too, had been banned by the censors. Hamlet's famous quote "To be, or not to be," kept tumbling over and over in her mind.

As she lay thinking, it suddenly occurred to her that in less than three months the DEATH machine would be installed in her bedroom. Dream Editing And Thought Halting machines were being installed nationwide.

"Now, that had been a controversial bill!" she thought. But like all the others, it had passed Congress and become law. The gist of the bill was to protect individuals against themselves. It was best for people not to think while waiting to fall to sleep. "A controlled mind is a healthy mind" was the slogan of the DEATH organization that sponsored the bill.

DEATH also said that dreams should be eradicated. Dreams were dangerous, unhealthy and caused anxiety.

"I have less than three months to think about Shakespeare, Twain, my childhood memories or anything else," Susan thought. "Well, at least I can remember . . . I can think . . . I can dream until then."

"I'm living in the perfect society," Susan said. "It was mandated by the majority. There are no drugs, liquor or cigarettes. My diet is controlled to protect my health. TV, radio and newspapers have been cleaned up. Only the perfect music, movies and books are available for my enjoyment. I'll soon be protected from my own



thoughts and dreams. So why am I unhappy?" she asked. "Why?"

As Susan searched for the answer, she eventually drifted off to sleep. In her dreams you could hear her mind whispering:

"To be, or not to be; that is the question;  
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer  
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,  
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,  
And by opposing end them. To die;  
to sleep;  
...To sleep; perchance to dream;  
ay, there's the rub;  
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come."

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TJC Touchstone, the campus literary magazine, has already established itself as a winner. Since the magazine was created in 1986, state and national publication organizations have cited it for excellence.

Touchstone accepts entries from students, faculty and staff in every division of the College.

Directed by English instructors, Noamie Byrum, Gloria Peggram and Judy Turman, a volunteer staff of students reads all entries and selects items for publication. A staff of journalism students, guided by Student Publications Director Linda Zeigler, takes those selections and designs the magazine.

TJC Touchstone is published by the Humanities and Social Sciences Division of Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas.

## I Find Sunlight in Memories

BY DEBRA DRIVER PERKINS

Ten years ago I lost a very special friend. No one will ever come close to filling his place in my heart and life. Even today I find myself missing him so badly that tears fill my eyes and I begin sinking down into the dark emotions of anger and hurt. Knowing that this friend would not want me to stay buried in those feelings, I begin to dig myself out of the darkness—using the tools he left me.

As I struggled to find words to express the gratitude we felt for the flowers and memorials sent in his name, I remembered a thank you letter he had once helped me write. It was to the local post office. Out of 20-some-odd letters, they chose mine to publish in their monthly newsletter. That was a proud time for both of us.

He was not there for the birth of my third child. I felt terribly cheated. He had been there when my first child and my second child were born. I remembered how the expression on his face reflected the celebration in his

heart. I had to smile as I thought about how he would have felt had he been there at that moment.

He missed the time my oldest daughter made her singing debut in church and later when she gave an outstanding performance in a Christmas musical at school. His face would have beamed with pride. I know, because that is what happened every time he saw me sing.

He will not be there in December when I finally get my college degree, but if he were, I know he would be a leader in my cheering section. He was always leading the cheers in all my accomplishments. As I take my diploma I know a tear will fall because he is not there to share yet another happy moment with me.

Friends give us special memories of special times. Memories that will stay with us long after those friends are gone. Those memories are the tools which can help pull us up, out of the darkest depths of emotions. Those memories, like sunlight, brighten our lives. There are many other people who hold their own special place in my heart, but no one can ever take the place of Daddy. Thank you, Daddy, for those bright, warm memories.

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## CLASS NOTES

1930

William E. "Bill" Bright recently retired after 37 years as a Ford dealer in Dallas.

1937

Marjory (Sadler) Price, and her husband, Ned Price, class of 1935, have lived in Austin, Texas for over 38 years. Marjory writes that her years at TJC "were very happy years and we were privileged to have outstanding teachers. I was one of Dr. Jenkins' secretaries during my junior college days. I was also active in several organizations and was a cheerleader for two years." Ned, a Tyler native, graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law.

1942

Paul Leon Mitchell recently moved to Tyler.

1943



Dorothy Fay (Needham) White and her husband, Jack, accompanied the Band, Belles and Harmony and Understanding on their recent trip to Nice, France. (See article on page 4) The White's are long-time benefactors of Tyler Junior College.

1951

I.C. "Scotty" Scott recently retired as president of Boren Abstract Company. To occupy his time, Scott plans to work a few hours a week as a consultant, and he is also enrolled in a computer programming class at TJC.

1953

John T. Saleh retired last spring as an instructor of business at TJC.

1957

Bob Bowman was recently

honored at the fifth annual East Texas Ad Federation Awards banquet. Bob Bowman and Associates received a bronze in Sales Promotion, a bronze and two merit awards in Print Material, a bronze in Direct Mail, a merit award in Newspaper, and a silver, bronze and merit award in Advertising Graphic Arts.

Hampton Hodges, a Paris, Texas businessman and founder of Buffton Corporation, is a contender in the First Congressional District. Hodges, who is running unopposed on the Republican ticket, attended Tyler Junior College before he was granted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree and a commission in the U.S. Army, where he served for eight years. After resigning from the Army as a major, Hodges entered the business world, and in 1979 he founded Buffton Corporation, which is involved in light manufacturing. *Inc.* magazine listed Buffton as one of the fastest growing public corporations in 1985.

1960

Charles C. Hall serves as the 1990-91 president of the United Way of Tyler. He has been very active in the United Way serving on the Executive Committee for eight years. In 1989, he served as Campaign Chairman, and with the help of the committee, raised \$1,400,000. Hall held the position of Loan Executive Chairman in 1988 and will serve as Budget and Allocations Chairman in 1991. He has worked with many areas of the United Way including training, publications, strategic long-range planning and new admissions.

Dave Ward, a veteran Houston newscaster, acted as the master of ceremonies for the Belle of Navasota Pageant on April 27, which traditionally kicks off Nostalgia Days weekend in Navasota. Ward began his radio career with KGKB radio in Tyler while attending Tyler Junior College. Currently, he co-anchors the six o'clock news and is the sole anchor for the ten o'clock news for Channel 13 in Houston.

1961

Cliff Caskey lives in San Marcos, Texas and is employed as the county agent of Hays County. While attending TJC, Caskey served as

Student Senate president. He was also selected as All College Favorite. His wife, the former Sylvia McCullough, was an Apache Belle while attending TJC. Cliff and Sylvia are both qualified teachers, and Sylvia serves on the San Marcos School Board.

1962

Janet Carol (Wood) Reid was recently named principal at Dixie Elementary School in Tyler.

1963

Douglas W. Warner holds the position of president of Amber University in Garland, Texas. The TJC and University of Texas at Austin graduate has served on the Governor's Education Committee. While at TJC, Warner was selected as Freshman Class Favorite in 1962, and in 1963 he was elected as Student Senate president.

1971

James Mining of Richardson, Texas was recently promoted to manager of metering for TU Electric. Mining is a 1980 graduate of Dallas Baptist University.

1972

D. Wayne Boze was recently named co-manager of the Boze-Mitchell Funeral Homes, which has operations in both Waxahachie and Italy, Texas. Boze and his wife, Maria, reside in Waxahachie and have a daughter and two sons.

1974



Kathy Odell Mather, who worked at Southern Methodist University for 10 years in the various departments of anthropology, engineering and banking, now lives in California where she and husband Bill run a Christmas tree farm.



Bill Penix was recently awarded the 1990 Rural Heroism Award from the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council. Penix received the award for single-handedly pulling his stepfather off a tractor-powered augur and saving the man's life. Penix is an American history teacher at Williams High School in Plano, Texas.

Dan Manuel, who is the pulpit preacher at Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas was the visiting preacher at a gospel meeting held recently at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas. After graduating from TJC, Manuel studied at Northwestern State University and has been preaching since 1965.

Laura (Potter) Parsons recently became associated with Suzanne Debien, Realtors of Houston. Parsons, a Gilmer native, has been a Houston resident for 13 years. She has been actively involved in the community, serving on the St. Rose of Lima School Board and in the Parent Teacher Association as well as being the mother of two sons.

## 1975

Andrew C. Scott was recently named president of Boren Abstract Company. He was also selected to teach abstracting and platting in Land Title School which is held in Austin and draws students from all over Texas.

## 1976

Mindy (Perryman) Watson serves as a missionary for the Southern Baptist Convention. Mindy and husband, Robert, are currently attending language school in Kathmandu, Nepal. In the mission field, Mindy teaches nutrition, English and crafts, as well as taking care of her two daughters. Robert works as a medical technologist in the United Mission to Nepal Hospital in Patan.

Gary Thiemann was recently named to vice president/eastern division manager with Brookshire's Grocery Company. Thiemann, who joined the company in 1971, was previously serving as the eastern division manager.



## Jen Ihlo Washington, DC *Trial Attorney for U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division*

Jen is originally from Center, Texas where her family still lives. She attended TJC 1973-75, receiving an associate degree in prelaw. She received a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University in 1977 and a law degree from South Texas School of Law.

At TJC, Jen was a member of Zeta Phi Omega, the TJC Apache Band and was a sophomore class officer.

"I got an excellent education at TJC. It was good for me because I didn't get lost in the shuffle. Washington is a very exciting place to live . . . I must admit I suffer from Potomac fever. But, with my job, I have the best of both worlds because I am assigned cases in the Eastern District. So, I get to live in D.C. and travel back to Texas," she said.

Recently in Tyler to do preliminary work on case she will try, Jen said she could not believe the tremendous growth the College has experienced.

"It's a great feeling to see TJC grow and prosper. And, just imagine, an indoor pool!"

## 1977

Jim Clark and co-worker Steve Day have assumed the duties of coordinating Kelly-Springfield Tire Company plant-wide activities of the Employee Involvement Department,

which encourages participative management. Clark, who has been at Kelly-Springfield since 1969, is also the coordinator of the Local 746 of the United Rubber Workers.

## 1978

Deborah Parman recently completed studies at the International Aviation and Travel Academy in Arlington.



Karen Boyd, former Apache Belle, lives in Tyler.

## 1979

Josette (Cullins) Garrett, coordinator of graphic services at Tyler Junior College, was recently honored at the fifth annual East Texas Ad Federation Awards Banquet. Garrett received a merit award for TJC Construction in the black and white photography division. The entries were judged by advertising professionals from other markets.

Gary D. Arnold is manager of Peat Marwick, an international accounting firm in Dallas, Texas.

Melanie (Bowers) Molina announces the birth of a son named Derek Walter. She writes, "We now have two girls and one boy."

## 1980

Gary Middleton recently changed careers when he took the position as the Regional Coordinator of the Texan's War On Drugs. Middleton is stepping down from his position of police public information officer and president of Drug-Free Youth in Texas. The new job focuses on organizing community efforts of Tyler and East Texas for the battle against drugs.



## 1983

Larry Johnigan has been named the Performance Plus Campaign overall winner for 1989-90 at Brookshire's Grocery Company. Larry is an operations supervisor and a 13-year Brookshire veteran. As the overall winner, he received a trophy and a trip for two to Montego Bay, Jamaica.

## 1984

Jeffery Dale Hurley married Mary Elizabeth Jordan last spring at the Highland Presbyterian Church in Tyler.

## 1985

Angela Johnson graduated in the fall of 1989 from the University of Texas at Tyler with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education.

Jeff English recently became head pro at Hurst Tennis Center in Fort Worth. English, who competed in tennis for Tyler Junior College and Texas A&M University, is ranked in the men's top 25 division in Texas.

Michael Bull graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1987 and is currently employed as the manager of Fidelity Investments. Bull and wife, Amy, reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Fay L. Williams graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree in criminology and corrections. She is employed as a juvenile probation officer in Henderson, Texas.

Laurie Dunaway and Brad Salmon were recently married at the Bullard Southern Baptist Church. Dunaway is currently employed as a computer tomography technologist at Medical Center Hospital in Tyler.

## 1986

Rena Jernigan is assistant purchasing agent for Abbott Laboratories in Grand Prairie, Texas. She is engaged to Todd Killebrew of Dallas, and the two are planning a September wedding.

Jason Murphy, a TJC and Stephen F. Austin State University graduate, was recently married to Kimberly Owens.

## 1987

Demetrice Annette Wallace recently wed Kevin Simon. Wallace attended TJC and the University of Texas at Tyler and is currently employed as the manager of Times Square Theatre in Tyler.

Kristen Latham recently moved to Houston, Texas.

Andy Smith has joined Cozart Communications as an account executive. Cozart Communications is a Dallas-based public relations and public affairs company. Smith is a 1990 graduate of Southern Methodist University with a degree in political science. While attending TJC, he was president of the national junior college honor fraternity, Phi Theta Kappa, and vice president of the TJC Republicans.

Kimberly (Ward) Goodson was married in June 1988 to Gary Lee Goodson who is employed by the Army Air Force Exchange Service. On June 13, 1989 a daughter, Brittany Nicole, was born to the Goodson's.

Fred Rike has distinguished himself as a starter for the West Texas State University basketball team. During the 1989 season, Rike averaged 17 points a game. In 1986 while playing on the TJC basketball team, he averaged 17 points and four assists a game. Also in 1986, Rike was named All-Conference in the Texas College Conference.

Neil A. Clark recently graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler with a degree in computer science. He is employed with BTI Systems in Oklahoma City. Clark is a software engineer working on the world's fastest page printer.

Gypsy Fulgham, a former Apache Belle, works at Carbo's Cafe in Atlanta, Georgia.

## 1988

Stacey N. Johnson, a senior at Stephen F. Austin State University, was recently inducted into Alpha Chi, a national college honor society. Membership in the society was extended to the top 10 percent of the junior and senior class. Johnson is an elementary education major specializing in early childhood development.

## 1989

Rhyné LaJean Nelson of Tyler was recently married to Roderick Redwine. Rhyné, who also attended the University of Texas at Tyler, is employed by the United Parcel Service.

Shelly Hulsey was named to Baylor University Dean's List for the fall semester of 1989. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate, enrolled in a minimum of fifteen semester hours with a minimum 3.7 grade point average.

Julie Kennedy recently wed Robert Orr. Julie is employed as a computer operator for Petrofac, Inc.



Claire Bullock was in Tyler last spring to attend an Apache Belles' reception. She lives in College Station, Texas.



Former Apache Belles, Cheryl Underwood and Mindy Webb, at a reception preceding the Belles' spring show.



## Alumni Association

### Purpose

The purpose of the Tyler Junior College Alumni Association is to provide a dynamic program in support of alumni and the College. Membership in the association brings mutual benefits to you and to others, as well.

### Benefits

Your membership provides you with access to College facilities and events, an awareness of what is happening on campus, timely communication with TJC and former students through the *Apache* magazine, renewed comradery of fellow alumni and the knowledge and that you are assisting present and future students.

In turn, through your membership you provide scholarships for future generations of students and recognition of outstanding students and instructors. Your membership also makes many of our annual homecoming events possible.

### Membership

A regular membership is available to those who have attended Tyler Junior College as part-time or full-time students. Graduation from TJC is not a prerequisite. Annual regular membership fees are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a couple. Benefits include:

- TJC Alumni identification card
- Three issues a year of the *Apache* magazine
- Free admission to homecoming events including Campus Capers, homecoming, football games, etc.
- Eligibility to hold an elected office and serve on the Alumni Association Board
- Make nominations for alumni awards
- Receive announcements concerning homecoming class reunions and other College events.

### Associate

An associate membership is available to all interested persons whether or not you attended Tyler Junior College. Annual associate membership fees are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a couple. Benefits include:

- TJC Alumni identification card
- Three issues a year of the *Apache* magazine
- Free admission to homecoming events, including Campus Capers, homecoming football games, etc.

### Life

A life membership carries with it all benefits of a regular membership. It is a one time fee of \$100 for an individual or \$150 for a couple.

## DEATHS

### 1946

Melba Cagle Halford died in Tyler on May 12 at age 62 after a long illness. She was a graduate of Abilene Christian University and had taught at Sam Houston State University and Texas A&M University. She is survived by a sister-in-law and a nephew.

### 1951

Ivy O'Neal Weaver, 59, died in January, 1990. Weaver was athletic director and girls basketball coach at Martins Mill High School at the time of his death. He was a graduate of Martins Mill High School where he played on the 1949 State Championship basketball team. After graduating from high school, Weaver attended Tyler Junior College, played basketball, and was a two-time All-American. He also earned All-American honors at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas. He is survived by his wife, four children, mother, sister and five grandchildren.

### 1967

Susan (Kidd) McIntosh, 42, of Dallas died March 20, 1990. She was a homemaker and was active in the Parent Teacher Association and the Dallas Junior Forum. She was the 1967 Duchess of the Rose Growers in the Texas Rose Festival. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, mother and three sisters.

### 1969

Allen Brian Thorndike of Longview, Texas died in February, 1990 after a long illness. He was 39. He was a graduate of Tyler's Robert E. Lee High School, attended TJC and Texas A&M University, graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University and had done graduate work at the University of Houston. Thorndike, president of Mortgage Brokers of America, had been a rate analyst with Texas Eastern Corp., energy economics consultant for Zinder Companies, Inc., senior consultant for Price Waterhouse & Co., vice president of regulatory affairs with Tatham Corp. and operations manager of Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.

He was affiliated with American Economic, American Management and Western Economic Associations and the Econometric Society, and was listed in *Who's Who in the Southwest*.

Survivors include his wife, a son and daughter and his parents.

### 1976

Debra Jo (Ripka) Winston, 34, of Bedford died January 20, 1990 after a long illness. She was a manufacturer's representative with Rubbermaid Commercial Products. She is survived by her husband, parents, two brothers and grandparents.

### 1982

John C. Faust, 27, died December 24, 1990 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He was a general dentist employed by Faust Dental Lab in Tyler. He was a graduate of Tyler Junior College, the University of Houston, and the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston. Faust was secretary and treasurer of East Texas District Dental Society. Other memberships include the Texas Dental Association, American Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry. He is survived by his parents, brother, sister and paternal grandmother.

### 1985

Jill Cox Davis, 29, died May 11 in Tyler after a long illness. Survivors include her husband, two daughters, mother, father and stepmother and grandmother.

### TJC Community

David C. Poe, 88, died March 26, 1990 in Whitehouse after a long illness. He was a retired custodian for Tyler Junior College, where he worked for 20 years. He was member of St. Louis Baptist Church and Masonic Silver Stone Lodge. He is survived by a daughter and a sister.



An attempt to write Higgledy Piggledys with anything like success, a person must be—at least momentarily—irreverent about almost anything.

BY PAT LOGAN

Are you familiar with the Double Dactyl, better known as the Higgledy Piggledy?

Higgledy Piggledys are not serious poetry; they fall into the same class as limericks. But those who love them declare they are a true art form and those who attempt to write HP's find them demanding and exacting.

Anthony Hecht, one of the fathers of the HP, describes how it was born in Rome. He and his friends, Naomi and Paul Pascal, assisted by a supply of Italian wine, gave birth on November 3, 1951. Hecht provides an amusing account of the advent of the HP, along with a number of his creations, in a slender volume, *Jiggery-Pokery, A Compendium of Double Dactyls*, obtainable in the TJC library.

Here are the rules for writing this kind of verse: Two four-line verses with the last lines rhyming. All lines except the rhyming lines are double dactyls—that is, composed of six "feet" or syllables. The last lines, the rhyming lines, are only four feet. The second line of the first verse must be the name of a person, usually famous. One line in the poem, ideally the second line of the second verse, must be just one word.

A further stipulation, which is not so much a rule as a feeling: To fully appreciate the HP or to attempt to write one with anything like success, a person must be willing to be—at least momentarily—irreverent about almost anything.

Are you ready for some of mine?

Higgledy Piggledy  
Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Groton attended where  
They count past three.  
Quadruple terms were not  
Paradigmatic,  
Terribly upsetting  
The G.O.P.

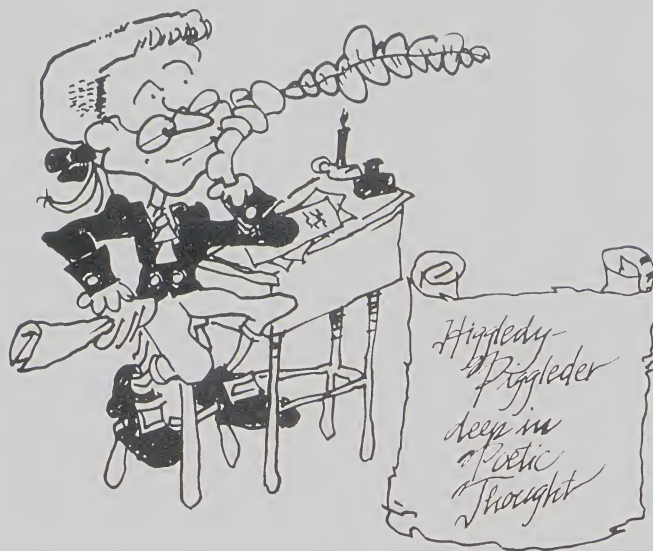


Illustration by Richard Diamond

The last name here must be pronounced Rose-e-velt. Sometimes the HP becomes "impure"—that is, bending the rules—but we forge ahead anyway.

Higgledy Piggledy  
Herbert George Walker Bush  
Said to his taxing Con-  
gressional whips:  
Hear my kinder, gentler  
Inexorableness  
Try hard to remember  
To read my lips.

I had to cheat two ways. I had to switch the Herbert and the George around and I had to hyphenate "Congressional," but the latter is done by the masters of the form themselves. Sometimes you can be impure like this:

SAID  
Princess Diana to  
Charles Philip Arthur George  
"Chomp carrots, munch lettuce  
Stay very lean,  
If you continue this  
Vegetarianism  
You'll live long enough for  
Me to be Queen."

What liberties may be taken with titles and qualifiers attached to the name are, I think, still being debated.

Higgledy Piggledy  
Eve a la Genesis  
Pregnant, un-Able, she  
Found life a bane.  
"Fun in the garden was  
Paradisiacal  
But now I demand that  
Adam raise Cain."

Here's another where the name had to be supplemented:

Higgledy Piggledy  
Tudor Henry the Eight  
Shared his king-size bed with  
A lot of chicks.  
"Chances not likely for  
Parthenogenesis  
*Le Sport* is for offspring  
Not just for kicks."

You see what I mean about irreverence. I'm quitting with the next HP and ducking out quickly before I lower the tone of this magazine.

Higgledy Piggledy  
Mister Noah Webster  
Bundled not, hoofed it not  
Nor took a swig.  
Prudent, pedantical,  
Lexicographical,  
Hearing our slang he would  
Sure flip his wig.



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## HOMEcoming NOVEMBER 16-17

**Friday:** Get acquainted party.

**Saturday:** Brunch;

TJC vs. Kilgore,

2 p.m., Rose Stadium;

Saturday night party.





# HEY

We're number one!



*TJC tennis team proudly displays their NJCAA Men's Tennis Championship trophy. The victorious group poses for a picture after winning the National Junior College Athletic Association tennis tournament held at TJC May 20-26. Team members include (from left to right) Miguel Valor, Spain; Michel Tremblay, Quebec, Canada; Michael Martinez, Wichita Falls, TX; Joe Salerno, Omaha, Nebraska; Joaquin Lopez, Madrid, Spain; John Peterson, TJC tennis coach; Jentry Poss, San Antonio, TX; Marco Pacheco, Mexico; Mark Morgan, South Africa; Mike Norton, TJC staff.*

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